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YUMMY CREATIONS - Nixon Rapuano, left, and Tekoa Williams decorate cookies during the Mountain View Arts Festival on Sunday.

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20th Avenue project to start in spring

BY CRAIG LINDSAY
MVP Staff

Despite objections from many residents the 20th Avenue boulevard and upgrade project is set to go ahead early next spring.

The project, which was approved at a special council meeting on Aug. 30, will see major upgrades to 20th Avenue including the introduction of stormwater infrastructure, new pavement, curb and gutter from 10th Street to 19th Street. The second phase of the project will see the installation of the controversial centre boulevard from 10th Street to 17th Street as well as the lining of the sanitary system.

Objections to the boulevard include worries about people no longer being able to turn left into their residences; whether there is enough room for large trucks; the effect on businesses in the area; and a lack of public consultation.

Mayor Rick Mousseau said the 20th

Avenue project was originally approved in 2015 for the 2016 budget but was deferred for the more urgent Rosebud Sanitary Trunk Project. However, savings from the Rosebud project allowed for the 20th Avenue project.

"The Rosebud project came in under budget so we had this extra money so we thought, 'why hold the (20th Avenue) project off until next year when we can do it now,'" said Mousseau.

Mousseau said the engineers proposed the boulevard idea since the street was wide enough down the centre.

Mousseau said the project will likely start in April of next year and take a couple of months. A town press release states that the total cost for Phase 1 of the project is \$1,856,347.10 and it was awarded to Professional Excavators for \$573,803.90 under projected estimates. The cost of the boulevard is \$113,000.

"When you're coming into Didsbury, right now it's kind of rough," said Mousseau. "We want to make it look nice."

Mousseau admitted that there probably should have been more public consultation, but he said the engineers have checked all the measurements and everything is wide enough so people can back out of their driveways.

Coun. Kim Moore told the Review that she voted against the project because of the lack of public consultation and because many residents simply do not want the boulevard.

"There should have been more consultation," she said. "Having the time crunch and that, I understand."

Moore said she has talked to several residents and they've told her there are other things that could be done with the boulevard money instead of building the boulevard, such as fixing some of the other roads in town like 10th Street and 23rd Street.

"There's also the snow removal aspect," she said, "but I know admin has been looking into that."

Didsbury resident and former mayor Dorothy Moore has some concerns with the boulevard. She doesn't believe the lanes will be wide enough.

"What I don't want is an 8-foot, 2/3-inch boulevard going down the middle that's going to block my view and make the traffic lanes as tight as they are in Calgary," she said.

The town is using the City of Calgary maximum lane width of 3.5 metres as a guideline and designing the lanes at 3.4 metres, which is the equivalent of just over eight feet.

"When they talked about the driving lanes — what's acceptable in Calgary for people driving trucks and buses and they've got less than six inches clearance on either side — is not what we expect for farm trucks and things like that," said Moore. "We want them to come to town."

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Colts kick off season Friday with banner raising

BY CRAIG LINDSAY
MVP Staff

It was a banner year for the Mountainview Colts last year as the club won the 2016 Heritage Junior B Hockey League championship. To honour the team, the league will be presenting the championship trophy and banner in a special presentation before the season opening home game Friday (Sept. 16) at the Didsbury Recreation Complex against Red Deer.

Michael Galye, assistant coach for the Colts, said the players and coaches are excited about receiving the banner on Friday.

"Before the game we're going to have our banner ceremony," he said. "We're going to hang the banner and there will be a bit of a presentation from the league to the team. It'll be special for the boys to

experience that. First time in I think 25 years that it's been won by this organization. It was a really successful season. I was honoured to be part of it."

Galye is in his second year as an assistant to head coach Gord Olson. He told the Review that next year he will likely take over as head coach as Olson steps down into an assistant role.

Galye said that last season was a special one for the Colts as they clicked right from the start - kicking off the season with a 10-game winning streak and going from there.

"We started the year with great success," he said. "We won our first 10 games straight so it gave the boys a lot of confidence. We just carried it on from there."

Mountainview finished the 2015-16 regular season in first place in the North Division with a 27-win,

10-loss, 1-overtime loss record.

The team rolled through the playoffs sweeping both Airdrie and Blackfalds before facing the Cochrane Generals in the Heritage League final.

In the final series, the Colts beat the South Division champion Generals four games to two.

Galye attributed the team's success to strong depth and good balance.

"Our goaltending was stellar last year with Jake (Carlson) and Tommy (Della Siega) stepping in for each other," said Galye. "Our defence corps was also very strong last year. Our top three lines were quite strong and very offensive. We put the puck in the net; defence was stellar; goaltending was great."

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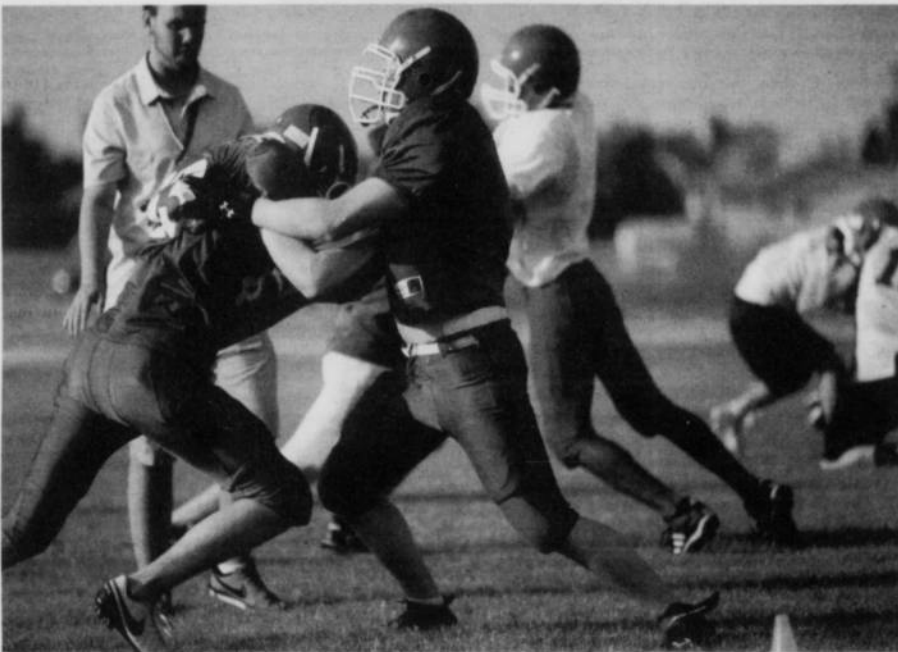
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Dragons begin regular season play



Michael Sissons, left, and Edan Poustie attempt to best each other during a drill.

Noel West/MVP Staff

BY CRAIG LINDSAY
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Dragons kicked off their season Saturday against the defending league champions from Innisfail.

The Innisfail Cyclones won the game 33 to 2. Coach Mark Lefebvre said the team played well despite the score.

The Dragons consists of local boys aged 15-18 and play in the Mountain View Nine-Man Football League.

He said the team has been coming together with regular practices at the high school. The team has 17 players signed up this year with 11 coming from Didsbury High School, two from the career high school

and four from Koinonia Christian School.

"We had 10 returning players," he said. "All were smaller in size. All our bigger guys graduated. We were very fortunate to pick up some big guys to fill those spots otherwise we just would have been a small team. We've had some guys come and they're going to be a big part of our success if we succeed."

The league consists of teams from Didsbury, Innisfail, Bowden, Sundre, Carstairs and Strathmore.

Lefebvre said nine-man football allows the teams from smaller centres to not have to have large rosters.

"Nine-man football is centred on small towns

that can't run 50 players on a team with 12 on offence and 12 on defence," he said. "Nine-man football often runs with 13, 14, 15 players and half of them play both ways the whole game. They play a lot of different positions. You have to be able to play multiple positions."

Lefebvre said that a few players from the Dragons' teams of the past have moved on to play junior football, secondary school football, as well as for Team Alberta.

"We are considered a standard football league same as a 12-man league so we can move kids on to all-star games, Team Alberta and so on," said Lefebvre.

The season goes until the end of October. The top four teams go into playoffs.

Lefebvre said the Dragons are able to field a team thanks to the generosity of volunteers in the community who work behind the scenes to keep the team going.

Colts

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Galys added that the team also had strong depth and was able to go three lines without losing anything.

For the banner celebration Friday, league president Gilbert Renaud will be on hand to present the hardware.

Friday's game will also feature a pre-game tailgate party style barbecue fundraiser for Ride For Dad.

"It should be a lot of fun," he said. "I hope a lot of people come out and partake. They're having a barbecue with burgers and hotdogs; all that good stuff."

Galys expects the Colts to once again be very competitive this year with many key players back.

"Every year we try to bring in some young guys," he said. "That's always been the philosophy for Gord. Keep young guys coming into the program. This year we lost four players who graduated from the team as 21-year-olds. We lost three veteran defence-men. We also lost Jacob Vander Zaag.

He was from Ontario and decided to move back after graduating."

Galys said the team has work to do on defence with the departures but will have a veteran group of forwards and both goalies returning.

"We have four pretty solid defence-men coming back and some young guys coming," he said. "We'll have to tighten it up in the back end."

Galys said most of the offensive crew is back and he anticipates the Colts will be strong offensively again.

With goaltenders Jake Carlson and Thomas Della Siega returning, they'll be a tough team to score on.

"Both our main goalies are back," said Galys. "They took a run for us and won us a championship. Glad to see them both back."

The Colts went 3-1 in four pre-season games splitting with Stettler and beating Three Hills twice. In their last outing Sunday the Colts beat Three Hills 9-4.

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Lions set for annual food drive

BY CRAIG LINDSAY
MVP Staff

If you live in town, you can expect a knock on your door on Sept. 22 from the Didsbury Lions as part of their annual food drive.

Helping the Lions Club members will be students from Westglen School. In appreciation of the help from the students, the club also donates money to the school

to help with sports programs. Lion Vance van Damme said the members along with the students will try to hit every residence in Didsbury during the food drive, which goes from 5 until 8 p.m.

"We try to cover 100 per cent of the town," he said. "We have it separated into 12 areas. We try to send one vehicle with a minimum of two kids and a driver to each area."

The Lions are collecting all different types of food items except for homemade preserves. They will also accept cash donations and other items.

After collecting the items the Lions Club weighs the items and then ships them off by truck to the Mountain View Food Bank in Olds.


Van Damme said the response through the years has been very good although

last year donations were down a little. "We chalked that up to a sign of the times with the economic downturn," he said. "We expect about the same this year."





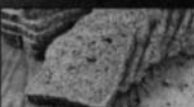
Last year the Lions still collected around 2,200 kilograms as well as \$420 in cash. Van Damme said that when the times are tough though, there is an even bigger demand for the food bank, which covers the areas

of Didsbury, Carstairs and more.

"It's a high demand thing in the area when the times are like this," he said. "More people rely on the food bank. So maybe we don't get as many donations. We started it because we thought it would be good for the community. We feel it's important and a good cause."



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Patrons enjoy arts festival

BY CRAIG LINDSAY
MVP Staff

There was lots to see and do at the five venues during the 6th Annual Mountain View Arts Festival in Didsbury this

past weekend. Some of the highlights included musicians at both the high school and at the museum, street art, the scarecrow-making contest, artisan village and much more.

Mountain View Arts president and festival chair Kathleen Windsor said numbers were down a little this year. "We will evaluate the festival in a couple of weeks," she said.

Despite the lower numbers, Windsor said people enjoyed themselves.

"The music on the stages was incredible," she said. "Alberta talent flourishes. That was

a definite highlight. Another highlight was we moved the artisan village inside so that meant everything was safe, secure and dry for our artisans and patrons. The scarecrow

competition also went over well with the challenge that Didsbury put out to all the other local municipalities. Their entries were incredible."



Some of the decorations set up outside the museum.

Noel West/MVP Staff



Lyndsey Smethurst gives a balloon frog she created to CJ Wentworth.

Noel West/MVP Staff



Scarecrows on display in front of the museum.

Noel West/MVP Staff



From left, mother and daughter duo Kelly and Skyler Kalden perform together.

Noel West/MVP Staff



Delree Dumont performs a women's northern traditional dance.

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Maddy Stellar of the band Silo sings during the group's performance at the Mountain View Arts Festival at Didsbury High School on Sept. 11.

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Commentary

New reporter looks forward to new adventure

It's been a long, tumultuous journey but I have finally arrived in Didsbury and started my new job as editor/reporter for the Didsbury Review.

My name is Craig Lindsay and I came to Central Alberta from British Columbia where I worked for several years in the similar sized town of Grand Forks.

I came to town on Sept. 2 well ahead of my stuff. I booked a moving company in early August and everything looked good until the date approached when they were supposed

to pick up my furniture, clothes, bed and everything else. I didn't hear anything, so I finally kept calling until I got a hold of one fellow who eventually told me that the load of the person before me was three times what was estimated and they had no room for my stuff.

Needless to say that was not good. I had to scramble to find another company to take their place. The soonest the new company could come was later in September.

Not having much other choice I accepted and was forced to rent my

place in Grand Forks for another half month to keep my stuff there.

Anyways, it's been exhausting living here without my stuff and especially my bed but I've persevered. My stuff will be coming soon I've been told.

Everyone I've met so far in Didsbury has been super nice and understanding. I'm completely new here and will undoubtedly take time to get to know the community.

I miss the warmer climate, mountains and my family, which are in B.C., but I'm ready for the challenge.

I'm a big sports fan. I like to be involved with recreational sports as a participant. I'm also a longtime basketball coach. I find sports a great way to get to know people and keep active.

I have also been a Rotarian for a number of years in a couple of communities in B.C.

I'm looking forward to meeting more people here and getting to know the issues and topics that drive the community.

Letters

Reader agrees that boulevard decision 'stupid'

I, for one, did not vote for a council to make stupid decisions especially without letting the residents of the town know beforehand.

You hit the nail on the head, Frank ("Is the boulevard an orphan?" commentary, page 6, Sept. 6 Didsbury Review) - it is a "stupid decision."

Gail, Kim and Joyce, you have my vote if you decide to run for council again.

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22 Didsbury Mobile Home Park



2 bedrooms, double closets and built in dresser in master, metal roof, portable single garage, large shed/workshop, treated deck, on rented lot

\$19,900

1522 - 21 Avenue



Good potential starter home or revenue property, 2 bedrooms, single detached garage, close to rec centre, park and Tim Horton's

\$169,000

4.42 ACRES!



2200+ sq ft home, 2 fireplaces, upgraded bathrooms, main floor family room, 32 X 60 arch rib quonset, mature shelter belt, located on pavement only minutes from Didsbury

\$599,900

104, 1902 - 23 Street



Main floor apartment condo, 2 bedroom, 2 baths, 9' ceilings, in-floor heat, gas fireplace, single garage, secure entrance, social room, great location

\$176,900

202, 1881 - 17 Street



Nice 2 bedroom unit in Campus Green, 1 1/2 baths, open plan, a/c in main living areas, enclosed balcony, lots of storage, great building, reasonable condo fees

\$184,900

7.31 Acres East of Didsbury



Nicely upgraded mobile home with additions, over 1500 sq ft of living space, new high efficiency furnace, all new bathrooms, open plan, some cross fencing and small outbuildings

\$329,900

1801 - 17 Street



No more snow to shovel or lawn to mow, Well kept 50+ adult villa, 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 and a half bathrooms, main floor laundry, very clean, reasonable HOA fees

\$227,900

1911 - 17 Street



Great 50+ unit with reasonable HOA fees, open floor plan, main floor laundry, 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, partial basement development, no more mowing or shoveling!

\$219,900

2121 - 24 Avenue



Great starter home or revenue property, various recent upgrades, main floor laundry, large living/dining area, pond, greenhouse, covered deck, central location

\$199,900

Unit A, 1322 - 20 Street



Down payment help may be available, 2 fully finished levels with a total of over 1800 sq ft, 9' and 10' ceilings, large windows, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths

\$179,900

46 Westheights Drive



1352 sq ft home backing onto the golf course, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 baths, main floor family room with fireplace, vaulted ceiling, large fenced yard, single detached garage

\$279,900

Summers going fast and so is our inventory!



The Porch Boyz

1719 - 17 Street



Beautiful villa in College Green, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, central air conditioning, high end laminate flooring, newer basement development, reasonable HOA fees

\$239,900

1525 Mary Place



A yard full of trees, bushes and raspberries, open floor plan, beautiful hardwood floor, pebble floor in family room, wood stove, 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms

\$399,000

5 Valarosa Point



Beautiful new home, 1441 sq ft b-level, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood and tile, 9' ceilings, awesome ensuite bath, large rear deck, backs onto greenspace/creek with open view

\$359,900

5214 - 44 Street, Olds



3 + 1 bedroom family home, 2 baths, original hardwood floors, upgraded bathrooms, new basement stairs, large yard, single detached garage, centrally located

\$268,900

25 Park Place



Very all cared for half duplex 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 bathrooms some new flooring, open floor plan, on demand hot water, in-floor heat, huge fenced back yard

\$209,900

119 Southridge Crescent



3 + 1 bedrooms, recent upgrades, laminate and fireplace in living room, basement developed, double detached garage in back, beautifully landscaped

\$247,900

19 Westheights Drive



1288 sq ft bi-level with walk-up basement, newly renovated kitchen, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, backs onto park, double detached garage, great location

\$297,900

13 Valarosa Court



1300 + sq ft with open floor plan, beautiful kitchen, large island with eating bar, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms walk-out basement (undeveloped) great view of the Roadside Valley

\$374,900

233 Valarosa Place



Nice home in a great location, 2 bedrooms, laminate flooring, nice open plan, private back yard, backs onto trees, great start on basement, development, room for a garage

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To Be Moved



1975 single wide mobile with large addition to be moved, 4 bedrooms, 1404 sq ft total, family/lx. rooms

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2027 - 19 Avenue



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\$100,000 +GST

1503 - 14 Street



Large bi-level home with spacious 2 bedroom basement suite, hardwood on main, 2 wood burning stoves, jetted tub, beautiful large yard, good return on suite, oversized double garage

\$384,900